THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) The project can be considered for approval after the inter-State issues are resolved.

Activities of missionary organisations in north eastern region

*28. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the activities of different missionary organisations in the North-Eastern region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Their activities relate to the propagation of Christianity through preachings, holding of church services, Sunday prayers, conducting Bible study classes, publishing religious leaflets and booklets, helping poor people in distress, running educational institutions, schools, hospitals, dispensaries, orphanges, hostels, welfare centres, homes for needy, doing relief work among the poor and other charitable works.

Financial assistance for closed textiles units in Orissa

*29. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the managements of the closed textile units in Orissa have approached the Central Government for financial assistance;

(b) if so, what is the number of textile units which have been given financial assistance;

(c) whether the Central Government have considered the cases of the remaining closed textile mills which have not been provided with financial assistance; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) As on 31-1-88 there were no closed cotton/man-made fibre textile units in Orissa.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Firing by Jawans of Assam Riffes in Aizawal

*30. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons including women were killed in Aizawal following firing by the Assam Rifles Jawans recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the outcome of the inquiry, if any, conducted by the Central Government into the incident?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) On the 29th March, 1988 around 1900 hours an Assam Rifles Jawan under the influence of liquor misbehaved with the Superintendent of Police, Aizawal in front of Assam Rifles Battalion Headquarters. There was an altercation between Superintendent of Police's bodyguard and the Jawan. Some other Assam Rifles Jawans rushed to the help of their colleague and severely manhandled the Superintendent of Police and his bodyguard causing them injuries. Following this, an irate mob surrounded the Assam Rifles camp area and indulged in heavy stone throwing, damaging a portion of the compound wall and the Unit temple. This led to the Assam Rifles personnel opening fire on three occasions on March 29 and 30 which led to the death so far of 10 persons including a woman besides injuries to several others. The Assam Rifles authorities have ordered a Court of Inquiry into the incident. The Government of Mizoram have